

**ABSTRACT**

[54] Method and system are disclosed for facilitating patient access to pharmacies. The system and method of the present invention involves setting up a prescription registry service. The prescription registry service stores the prescriptions of patients who  
5 are members of the registry. Pharmacies, including national and international pharmacies, may then subscribe to the registry service. The pharmacies may be required to satisfy one or more qualification criteria in order to subscribe to the registry service. A patient may then select one of the subscribing pharmacies to fill his prescriptions with reduced risk and increased confidence. Only pharmacies that have been authorized by  
10 the patient may access and fill a registered prescription. All communication between the member and the pharmacy are conducted through the pharmacy's normal channels and not through the registry service.